

9 January 1968

MEMORANDUM TO: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION & DISSEMINATION

SUBJECT: Mention of CIA and FBIB as Monitoring Agency by Commercial Press and Radio

Several instances have come to the attention of this office wherein the CIA and the FBIB have been given "credit" for monitoring foreign broadcasts by radio and press news services who make use of the FBIB Daily Report in preparing their releases.

WTOP, Columbia Broadcasting System, Washington, D. C., at 11:00 p.m., December 25, 1967, while making a regularly scheduled announcement, mentioned an Azerbaijan release and stated "as monitored by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service of the Central Intelligence Agency." [ ] of the Office of Inspections and Security, who reported this breach of policy, said that he had heard the Columbia network make a similar statement once before.

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According to the records of this office two copies of the unclassified Daily Report go to:

Mr. Eric Sevareid  
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.  
Earle Building  
Washington 4, D. C.

According to these same records, no other distribution is made to WTOP, or the Columbia Broadcasting System, or to news commentators in their employ.

The Portland, Oregon, "Catholic Sentinel," on December 25, 1967, carried an item in which it stated "...monitored...by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency." (See Enccl. 1.) Since this newspaper is not on the Daily Report distribution list, it is probable that they received this credit line with a news item from one of the news services such as AP or UP, both of which are on the distribution list.

While the terms of agreement on the proper use of FBIB reports have not been reduced to writing, there is a general understanding between the CIA and the non-government recipients of the Daily Report that no mention will be made of the CIA or FBIB in using the material contained therein.

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It is requested that the Office of Collection and Dissemination take appropriate action to insure that all recipients of the FBI Daily Report understand the policy of not mentioning the CIA or FBI, to the end that incidents cited above do not recur.

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Assistant Director for Operations

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VATICAN RADIO

Washington, Dec. 24 -- Because the Church loves the poor best, "she cannot tolerate traffic in the ignorance and good will of somny people" and she "denounces the economic and social damage caused by running after false mirages," Vatican Radio is quoted as saying in an Italian broadcast commenting on "the clear political significance" of the general strike in Rome.

The broadcast was monitored in this country and a partial text was released by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"For two days a strike paralyzed the life of our city, the seat of Christ's Vicar," Vatican Radio said according to the monitors' report. "We cannot forget the tired faces of so many people, nor the pregnant women who had to walk to the nursing home because of the transport strike and gave birth to a baby in the street."

From Catholic Sentinel  
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